



**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE HISPANIC/LATINO  
QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 6:30pm  
Mexican American Cultural Resource Center  
600 River St  
Austin, TX 78701**

**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Jill Ramirez, Chair*

*Carmen Llanes Pulido, Vice-Chair*

*Isabel López-Aguilar*

*Dianna Velasquez*

*Teófilo Tijerina*

*Angelica Erazo*

*Emilio Zamora*

*Jovita Flay*

*Rodolfo Jiménez*

*Carlos Espinoza*

*Cristina Adams*

**Minutes – approved**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Chair Ramirez at 6:31pm

**Board Members in Attendance:**

*Chair Jill Ramirez, Vice-Chair Carmen Llanes Pulido, Isabel López-Aguilar, Dianna Velasquez, Angelica Erazo, Emilio Zamora, Jovita Flay, Rodolfo Jiménez, Cristina Adams*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Ray Baray, Chief of Staff, Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant and Staff Liason, Mike Trimble, Corridor Program Director*

**1. CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

- a. Olivia Overturn
- b. Victoria Garza
- c. Raul Alvarez
- d. Staff:
  - i. Marion Sanchez
  - ii. Ray Baray

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Consider approval of March 25, 2017, April 26, 2017, June 28, 2017 and July 13, 2017 minutes.

**3. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. New requirements related to City Code Chapter 4-8: Registered Lobbyists. Copy will be available on the HLQOL website.
- b. Update on Office of Equity activities, Mr. Brion Oaks, Equity Officer- no report
- c. Presentation by the Corridor Program Office, Mike Trimble and Sara Behunek- overview of the 2016 Mobility Bond and projected timeline for the Corridor Mobility Program

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Report, discussion and possible action regarding working groups and assignments:
  - i. Public participation, transparency and awareness work group- no report
  - ii. Economic Development in Latino Communities work group- no report
  - iii. Health work group- no report
  - iv. Representative Joint Inclusion Committee- no report
  - v. Representative to Commission on Seniors- no report
  - vi. Budget and Policy Priorities work group- no report
  - vii. Education work group- no report
  - viii. Representative to MACC board- no report
  - ix. Representatives to CodeNext- no report
  - x. QOL Representatives- Chairs of the commissions met with Brion Oaks from the Equity Office to discuss budget
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding budget next steps including but not limited to writing letters to council, recommendations, strategies, etc.
  - i. Motion by Commissioner López-Aguilar to increase previous recommendations under cultural and learning opportunities for Latinitas from \$35,000 to \$85,000. Seconded by Commissioner Flay. Motion passed unanimously.
  - ii. Motion by Commissioner Erazo to allocate \$50,000 for a feasibility study for the John Trevino Park. Seconded by Commissioner Adams. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iii. Motion by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido for \$30,000 for a history project in historical research. This is a 2 year project for \$15,000 for each year of history in East Austin. Corresponding groups and committee and community based group of old time residents comprised of East Austin residents with deep roots in the community, and interview people that have been living there for a long time in order to preserve the history so it is not lost. Seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar. Motion passed unanimously.
  - iv. Motion by Commissioner Zamora to increase funding from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Additional money will provide support to increase capacity for organization to better serve youth of color. Seconded by Commissioner Erazo. Motion passed unanimously.
  - v. Commissioner López-Aguilar moved to authorize Chair Ramirez to finalize the joint resolution between Chair Thompson of the African

American Resource Advisory Commission and Chair Cobalis of the Asian American Quality of Life Commission addressing budget and equity concern. Seconded by Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido. Motion passed unanimously.

- vi. Commissioner Erazo moves that the city direct to the appropriate department, the equity of funds, to develop a plan and their use in completing the MACC and acquisition of Palm School to be designated a Latino Museum. Motion passed unanimously.
- vii. Motion by Commissioner Erazo to include funding for \$250,000 for Affordable Care Act enrollment. Chair Ramirez and Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar recused themselves from the discussion due to conflict of interest. Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido chaired the meeting during this time. Vice-Chair Llanes Pulido seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding funds collected and distributed to date for the Rainey Street Historic District. Request report from PARD to get a baseline – Sarah Henley
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding MACC funding through the Hotel Occupancy Tax.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding MACC next phase

## 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

*Note: This section of the agenda gives the members an opportunity to request items for future agendas. By City ordinance, two board members are required to sponsor an item. Staff should assume that if there is no objection from other members expressed at the meeting, the members' silence indicates approval for staff to include on the next agenda.*

- a. Discussion regarding scheduling a presentation on Latinos and Latinas in management. (Facilitated through human resources department)
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding Human Resources practices including but not limited to promotions, conferences, training, Civil Service, demographics and opportunities for Hispanic/Latino(a) to prospect.
- c. Update on Office of Equity activities, Mr. Brion Oaks, Equity Officer (Equity Office)
- d. Discussion and possible action regarding drafting letter of support to the Asian American Cultural Center's vision to address quality of life of the senior community.
- e. Discussion and possible action regarding final copy of the Resolution Support for Immigrant Families.
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding identification of individuals or organizations in Austin's Hispanic and Latino community that would be interested in joining GO Collaboration Urban Planning for a focus group about the redevelopment of the three acres of parkland and historic-decommissioned intake buildings along Lady Bird Lake.
- g. Discussion and possible action regarding a Raul Valdez mural that stood in the parking lot of Gilberto's Restaurant on Cesar Chavez.

- h. Discussion and possible action regarding Internal Annual Review Report for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Report is due July 31, 2017
- i. Discussion and possible action regarding CodeNEXT actions including:
  - i. Neighborhood Characteristics Guide Book request
  - ii. Invitation of Consultants and/or Staff for future meetings
  - iii. Any other items
- j. HR presentation
- k. Civil service process
  - a. Pathways for advancement for employees in departments
- l. Report on Equity Office budget
- m. Chair Ramirez draft a letter a letter to support Amy Mok's project

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Commissioner Flay seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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